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Man in Motion



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Dennis Hernandez-Galeano, chair of the Town of Fort Erie's accessibility advisory committee was the ceremonial medal bearer for the 25th anniversary of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Relay's stop in town on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the event passed through Ridgeway and Crystal Beach. Several local schools also participated in the event. For more coverage, go to page 11. To view more photos, visit our photo gallery at www.forterietimes.com.

Death at parade

Kris Dubé
The Times

Vic Mealing would have been 58-years old in January, continuing his love for classic cars, his grandchildren and horses.

The Niagara Falls resident who grew up in Crystal Beach, who was often referred to as "Skip" by his close friends and family, died from injuries he suffered at the annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, when he was trampled by his horse that was to be a part of the annual holiday spectacle.

It happened in a marshalling area around 1:30 p.m. before the parade carried on as usual around 2 p.m.

Mealing's younger sister Donna said "Skip" was a great person who she will dearly miss.

"He was a very good brother and he was very family oriented," she said.

Apparently he had not been feeling well prior to the parade and was dealing with some health issues, but Donna said that wasn't going to deter him from doing something he knew would be putting smiles on all the children's faces who were stationed along the parade route.

"He loved his horse and he wanted to do it for the kids. There was no talking him out of it," she said.

Donna said parade organizers should not be blamed for the tragedy, since having horses is one of the biggest attractions for the annual event.

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Top honours at Santa Parade

Several community groups and businesses played a role in last weekend's Santa Claus Parade, hosted by the Bridgeburg Business Improvement Area and Fort Erie Festivals.

There were 68 parties in total who moved along the parade route and some of them were awarded for their presence.

Our Lady of Victory School was awarded for the best overall float, the best commercial float was given to Patern's Garden Centre and Cheeky Monkeys.

In the best school float category, Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School and St. George's

Catholic Elementary School received top honours.

The best walking-marching groups were considered Peacock School of Dance and Martial Arts One.

The best vehicles in the parade were provided by the Fort Erie LaFrance Association and the Port Colborne-Welland Shriners.

The most favourite horses were there on behalf of the Fort Erie Racetrack and Winbrook Farms.

The musical contribution to the event was from the Filmmers and P.K. Hummingbird.



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Old Saint Nick waving to fans at the annual Santa Claus Parade last Saturday.



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Local firefighters Laird Kinghorn and Josh Johnston handing out treats to kids along the route of the parade last Saturday. To view more images, you can visit our photo gallery at www.forterietimes.com.

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'Skip' was a great brother who had a love for kids and horses

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"It's good to have horses in the parade," she said.

Flo Oidding, one of the parade's volunteer organizers, wants to extend condolences to Mealing's family during this tough time.

"I feel really bad for the family. He was a really nice guy who loved to volunteer," said Oidding, who had met Vie for the first time earlier that day.

Oidding said the accident is not related to stress or commotion caused by fire trucks or any other noise while the

parade was getting ready to start down Catherine Street from the Fort Erie Racetrack.

It is her understanding that Mealing had taken his horse to a grassy area for a pre-parade snack.

"He was by himself when this happened. There was

nothing that spooked the horse," she said.

Keith German, deputy fire chief with the Fort Erie Fire Department, said several nearby firefighters saw the incident and tended to the injured man. The incident happened between 1:30 and

1:45 p.m., he said. The parade was scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

"I know it happened in the marshalling area. One of our firefighters went in the ambulance with the paramedics (to the hospital)," German said early Saturday evening.

"When one of our firefighters has to go in an ambulance, that generally means things are not good," said German.

It was later learned that Mealing succumbed to his injuries while being transported in an ambulance to Greater Niagara General Hospital.



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Police believe attempted robberies in Ridgeway and Crystal Beach are connected

On Sunday at 7:35 pm police responded to an attempted theft at the Hasty Market on Dominion Road. Investigation revealed that a lone male entered the convenience store and walked behind the counter while the store employee

was near the cash register. The male attempted to grab the money from the till but was blocked from doing so by the store employee. The male fled when the store employee called police.

There were no physical injuries received by the

store employee.

On this same date at 8:11 pm police received a call for a robbery that had occurred at the Crystal Mart in Crystal Beach near Queen's Circle at 8:52 pm.

Investigation revealed that the a lone male had

entered the store and walked behind the counter. The male had his hand in his pocket in a manner that he may be concealing a gun. The suspect demanded the cash register be opened by the store employee. The store employee did not

comply with the demand and the suspect fled on foot.

Police believe the suspect involved in both incidents is the same individual.

The suspect is described as a white male, 18-21 years, approximately 5'10, medi-

um build, black hair, wearing a green hooded sweat shirt, blue jeans, white running shoes.

The suspect may have fled one of the store parking lots with another male driving a silver coloured Toyota.



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our editorial

Make sure you check out our photo galleries

Each week, The Times snaps dozens, maybe even hundreds of photos of everything from school projects, to community events and fundraisers and sports.

With so many things going on around Fort Erie, The Times can't possibly print every single photo that is taken—even though we really want to share everything we photograph.

There just isn't enough space. That's why we're inviting readers to take a look at The Times' online photo galleries, which are the perfect place to see all those wonderful smiling faces of Fort Erie residents that don't make it to the paper.

There are many beautiful photos from this year's annual Santa Clause parade to get anyone in the holiday spirit and there are plenty of photos from the Rick Hansen Relay held this week which show many caring residents who support what the Man

in Motion Tour is all about.

When Saturday rolls around and it's time to sit down at the kitchen table to enjoy a cup of coffee while you finish reading the new addition of the Times, don't forget there's more content on our web site.

Take a look in our photo gallery—if you see yourself, a friend, or a family member you can share it with everyone you know.

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And when you see a friendly Times staff member with a camera in hand and you're asked to have your photo taken, say cheese. And don't forget to smile!

-Sarah Ferguson



Do You Remember?

Last week's photo taken in front of Irwin Aerospace shows Irvin employees (left to right) John Simmis, marketing manager, John Swanigan, sales manager for the International sales group, and Juan Speciale, an agent for Irwin in South America. The two men in uniform were members of the Ecuadorian Army who received training at Irwin in the 1980s and 90s. Our thanks to Bernadette

Swanigan, Peggy Arrt, Bob Tripp, Bryon Woram and two anonymous callers for providing this information.

Thanks as well to Bill Troupe who supplied the missing name from last week's photo of the ladies from the Royal Canadian Legion. We now know that Jean McBearty was the lady third from the left.

'Tis the season for Christmas bazaars and

we think this week's photo may have been taken at just such an event. On the back of the photo is written: Rita Hornby and Mrs. Laur as well as the date, Nov. 15, 1972.

Can anyone tell us the other lady's name or any other details about this photo?

Please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

Community spirit quite evident this week



Sarah Ferguson
Reporter's Notebook

The holiday season is quickly approaching and many people are beginning to think about buying presents and they are deciding on the best day to string up Christmas lights outside

before it gets too cold.

With the hustle and bustle of Christmas, sometimes we may forget what the season is really about—giving yourself and your time to another person.

There's an old expression which says "it's always better to give than it is to receive"—as overused and cliché as it sounds, it is really better to give to someone than it is to receive something.

This week, there is no doubt Fort Erie's finest have shown they know that the

old expression to be true.

Last weekend was Fort Erie's annual Santa Claus parade and it is made possible by a plethora of local volunteers.

There is no doubt that the children in this town look forward to the Santa Claus Parade—the sights, the sounds, the memories.

Although the parade is a lot of work and the weather isn't always ideal, the parade happens every year because it is done for children to enjoy and it's worth it to see all of those smiling faces.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Rick Hansen Relay Man in Motion Tour rolled its way through town to raise awareness about spinal cord injuries before heading to Port Colborne.

Many people may not have known who Rick Hansen was, but I am sure most people do now—Hansen lost the use of his legs when he was 15 years old and at the age of 27, he set out on a journey that would make history. For more than two years, Hansen travelled through 34 coun-

tries, including Canada, to raise awareness about making the world a more accessible place for everyone.

This week, dozens of medal bearers from Fort Erie recaptured that journey taken over 25 years ago by Hansen because it has made and will continue to make a difference.

And a number of residents have been rallying together to help find a dog owner's beloved Shih-poo which escaped from a kennel about two weeks ago.

Even though many of

searchers have never met the dog owner before, they banded to search for the missing dog this week out of the kindness of their hearts.

After looking at the actions many Fort Erie residents this week, one thing is clear—the people who live here are caring individuals who go above and beyond what it means to give back to the community.

If you would like to leave me feedback, send an email to editorial@forterietimes.com or you can call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 208.

opinion page

HIAFE like an 'umbrella on a sunny day,' says parent

Dear Editor,

It is Monday and my son is up with the alarm, showered, got his lunch ready, had breakfast and brushed his teeth and hair and is ready for his ride...my son (we'll call him Jay) is 27-years-old and like a lot of young men, still lives at home. But, unlike most young men going off to work everyday, Jay goes to the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie (HIAFE).

That is his place to learn and be a part of many programs that have him motivated to also volunteer in the

community.

We think of the Head Injury Association with it's kitchen, offices, staff and clients

as the umbrella on a sunny day. In other words, something you do not know you are going to need until you need it. Head injury is life changing.

The activities at HIAFE keep Jay busy and productive with the fire safety, cooking and art lessons just to mention a few.

They go on weekly trips to the YMCA, Festival of Lights, Marineland and Safari Niagara.

The problem is that there is limited funds to run this program in our community

and we as family members and volunteers are constantly having some kind of fund raiser to keep the doors open.

Please, if you see a fundraiser for HIAFE, help support their efforts. I know that many people are in need of these services. It gives them a place to go when they may not have any where to go. Like Jay, he would be lost if he did not have this daily routine and support that also keeps him from being depressed.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Selina Ogden-Cotter
Stevensville

Legion clarifies letter from last week

Dear Editor,

Every so often the topic of flags crops what.

What is correct and what isn't?

As I drive around town, I see so many of our National's emblem flown. Some are flown proudly, crisp and clean. Others are tattered and torn having done their duty and are sadly in need of respectful retirement.

I want to believe our citizens fly the Canadian flag because they are proud of it, what it represents and to show their own patriotism.

Here are the three most common errors which are disrespectful.

The Canadian flag should be flown on its own standard mast or pole. The practice of flying one national flag over the top of another national flag on the same pole shows disrespect for the flag on the bottom.

If I were an American citizen I would be profoundly offended to find my flag beneath another nation's flag. When facing the front of a property or building where two flags are displayed, the Canadian flag should be on

the left.

When three flags are displayed, the Canadian flag should be flown on the centre standard.

When your flag has done its duty, you should take it down the proper way. If you have no replacement it's better to have a bare flag pole.

If you wish to retire your flag properly, please feel free to bring it to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 where this service is free of charge.

Fred Belton
Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71

The TIMES Asks



Pat Spratt

"We need to raise money to buy things, to replace things and to keep our service clubs going.



Helen Gianfrancesco

"To raise enough money to keep the kids on the soccer field when the summer comes.



Margie Barber

"We love what we do. It's for the kids. I see their little faces when they smile and it feels so good."



Mary Jane Haig

"A lot of families have needs and without service clubs they might not be met. We do what we can to make life a little easier for people."

Why is it important for groups to hold fundraising events, leading up to the holiday season?

What do you think?

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Let's keep our customs during holidays

Dear Editor,

This denouncing has already happened in our schools to Christmas (i.e. Happy Holidays, Winter Celebration Assembly and no Christmas trees (even fake ones, were allowed).

Are we to continue allowing the customs this country was built on to erode? Why don't we as educators teach these people our customs instead of feeling guilty and changing our customs to suit them.

As a 25 year volunteer of military involvement in

regimental bands, I find it very hypocritical that on November 11, there were Remembrance Day assemblies to acknowledge the freedoms and customs our troops fought and died for...but last week we denied these same customs and freedoms to our students. The education system seems to be talking out of both sides of its mouth, unfortunately.

Bruce MacPherson
Fort Erie/Hamilton

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(4) NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW PLANNING ACT, 1990, C. P 13, SS.34(18), O.REG. 545/06

APPLICANT: TOWN OF FORT ERIE FILE #: 350309-0254

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law Number 120-11** on the 14th day of November, 2011 under section 34 of the Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **9th day of December, 2011**, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A cheque in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group. An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below. No key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown since the By-law applies to all lands within the corporation limits of the Town of Fort Erie. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office and Community and Development Services office during regular office hours and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a technical housekeeping update of the Town's Zoning By-law, to provide required Planning Act Updates, updates for new uses and definitions, to provide added ease-of-use of the by-law, and to correct minor typographical and technical errors as follows:

Administration and Enforcement

The Zoning By-law requirements for violation and penalties will be updated from \$20,000 to \$25,000 on first convictions, as established in the Ontario Planning Act.

New Definitions and Amended Definitions

An examination of the Zoning By-law has revealed a need for the following new definitions to be introduced: "Accessory Apartment Dwelling", "Apartment Dwelling", "Community Centre", "Music Instruction", "Recreational Vehicle", and "Street, Private". Revisions to other existing definitions to provide clearer meaning and understanding are proposed to: "Attached", "Carport", "Dwelling Apartment", "Garage, Private", "Guest Room", "Model Home", "Street", "Structure" and "Vehicle, Recreational". One definition is to be deleted: "Bachelor Dwelling Unit".

Grammatical, Spelling and Clarifying Amendments

Grammatical, spelling and minor clarifying amendments are proposed. This also includes renumbering of some sections where it is deemed necessary, due to other changes to the by-law.

New Regulations and Amended Regulations

New by-law regulations and amended regulations are being proposed to address ambiguity in existing regulations, to resolve conflicts with other by-law regulations, and/or to address the absence of existing regulations in the zoning by-law regulations.

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• **Temporary Uses,**

• **Tourist Trailers, Mobile Homes and Motor Homes,**

• **Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, and Boats,**

• **Yard Encroachments Permitted**

• **One Regulation Restoration to a Safe Condition is being deleted.**

New Uses and/or Amended Uses Permitted in Existing Zones

The following sections in the Zoning By-law require revisions due to conflict with other by-law regulations or in order to be consistent with regulations and definitions in Section 5 of the Zoning By-law.

Section 15: Revise wording of "Apartment houses" to "Apartment Dwellings"

Section 18: Revise wording for clarification of residential open space areas

Section 20: Add "Veterinarian Clinic in wholly enclosed buildings" to Permitted Uses

Section 21: Add "Veterinarian Clinic in wholly enclosed buildings" to Permitted Uses

Section 22: Add "Veterinarian Clinic in wholly enclosed buildings" to Permitted Uses

Section 25: Replace "Public Parking Garages" with "Parking Area" in Permitted Uses

Section 28: Replace the use "Veterinary Establishment" with "Veterinarian Clinic in wholly enclosed buildings" to permitted use

Section 27: Add "Veterinarian Clinic in wholly enclosed buildings" to Permitted Uses

Section 28: Add "Veterinarian Clinic in wholly enclosed buildings" to Permitted Uses

Schedule A: A review of the Zoning Maps in Schedule A has revealed two locations with Incorrect Zone boundary lines. These corrections will be made as part of this housekeeping amendment.

A proposed update to all of the maps in Schedule A is proposed with the new maps created using the Town's new GIS mapping program.

Schedule C

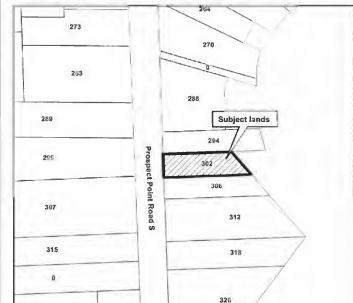
The Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula will be updated with a new version provided to the Town from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 19th day of November, 2011.

CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

(5) NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW PLANNING ACT, 1990, C. P 13, SS.34(18), O.REG. 545/06

APPLICANT: ROBERT BITNER FILE #: 350309-0940



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law Number 122-11** on the 14th day of November, 2011 under section 34 of the Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **9th day of December, 2011**, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 122-11 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by receiving the subject property as indicated on the location map from "Hazard H Zone" to "Hazard H-461 Zone" in order to construct a detached garage in the front yard of the property and in the Hazard (H) Zone. The lands zoned Hazard H Zone shall apply to those lands zoned Hazard H-461 Zone subject to the following exceptions:

- The lands may also be used for a detached garage in conjunction with the existing non-conforming dwelling, and
- The detached garage shall be located within the 1:100 year flood elevation as determined by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 19th day of November, 2011.

CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICES

(1)

MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 SALE OF LANDS BY PUBLIC TENDER THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on December 13, 2011 at the Municipal Centre, Clerk's Department, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at The Municipal Centre, Conference Room 1 at 3:05 p.m.

Description of Land(s)

Minimum Tender Amount \$

RICHMOND AVE ES, PLAN 140 LOT 540 REG 0.11AC 40.00FR 117.00D, PIN 64467-0262(LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 020 018 98302	\$ 3,392.79
BAY WOODS NS, CON BFLE PT LOT 32 REG 0.33AC 100.00FR 145.00D, PIN 64177-0095(LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 020 018 19400	\$ 4,540.96
BAY WOODS NS, CON BFLE PT LOT 32 PCL 24 ESMT REG 0.33AC 100.00FR 145.00D, PIN 64177-0095(LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 020 018 19500	\$ 4,475.01
BAY WOODS NS, CON BFLE PT LOT 32 PCL 26 ESMT REG 0.33AC 100.46FR 145.00D, PIN 64177-0095(LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 020 018 19600	\$ 4,475.01
MAPLE AVE SS, PLAN 123 L 181 182 NP463 CORNER 0.22AC 79.83FR 120.40D, PIN 64195-0013 (LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 020 023 36200	\$ 3,370.78
386 RIDGEWAY RD, PLAN 61 PT BLK AA NP544 REG 0.07AC 56.92F 55.58D, PIN 64186-0059(LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 030 001 25500	\$ 16,030.55

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or certified cheque by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchaser.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax and HST if applicable.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

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1 Municipal Centre Drive
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T. (905) 871-1600 ext 2305
F. (905) 871-9984
gcorney@forterie.on.ca

(2)



THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES BRIDGE AND CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM COLLEGE ROAD BRIDGE CONTRACT NO. IS.11COLL



College Road (between Winger and Sider Roads) will be closed to facilitate the College Road Bridge replacement.

The closures will be effective starting November 21st until approximately May 11, 2012. Detour routes will be locally posted.

If you have any additional questions, please contact:

Sherri-Marie Miller, P.Eng.
Town of Fort Erie
Phone: (905) 871-1600 ext. 2413
Email: smillar@forterie.on.ca

Kris Mermigas, P.Eng.
AECOM Canada Ltd.
Phone: (905) 938-7661
Email: kris.mermigas@aecom.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

(3)

COORDINATOR, DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS (COMPETITION NO. 28-2011)

Reporting to the Manager, Development Approvals, you will provide engineering and technical support in the review/approval of new developments; coordinate the preparation/negotiation of Development, Site Plan and Subdivision Agreements, and; monitor/inspect site works/subject lands. Your diploma/degree in civil engineering is complemented by four years related experience.

You to know more? Visit www.town.forterie.on.ca under Town Services, Employment Opportunities. The deadline for receiving applications is 5:00 p.m., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011.

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(6) BY-LAW TO ADOPT 2012 PRELIMINARY CAPITAL BUDGET

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 291 of the Municipal Act, 2001 the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of **Monday, November 28, 2011** to adopt the 2012 Preliminary Capital Budget.

For more information please go to the Town's website at www.forterie.on.ca under the 2012 Budget banner. Further inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Helen Chamberlain, Director of Financial Services at ext. 2300 (hchamberlain@forterie.on.ca).

Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegation at the aforesaid November 28, 2011 meeting to address the proposed by-law must register with the Clerk's office by 3:00 p.m. Friday November 25, 2011 (905-871-1600 ext. 2236/2212). Written comments will also be received by the undersigned up to 3:00 p.m. November 25, 2011 either by mail, email or hand delivery.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE 2012 BUDGET MEETING DATES:

Wednesday November 30, 2011 – Water & Sewer Budget CANCELLED
 Wednesday December 7, 2011 – Water & Sewer Budget

ALL BUDGET MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk • Email: ckett@forterie.on.ca

(7) REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION PURPOSE: ZONING BY-LAW 129-90 HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT - ACCESSIBLE PARKING

DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011 **APPLICATION #:** 350309-0341
LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
 1 MUNICIPAL CENTRE DRIVE, FORT ERIE **TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

A location map is not provided with this notice, as the proposed amendment applies to all and various lands within the corporation limits of the Town of Fort Erie.

PURPOSE: The Town of Fort Erie has initiated a technical housekeeping amendment of the Town's Zoning By-law to update the requirements for accessible parking. The Town has conducted a review of its minimum standards for accessible parking spaces in new development. The objective is to enhance the Town's requirements for the minimum number of parking spaces and parking space dimensions to a level consistent with provincial guidelines and municipal best practices.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6

MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kernahan, MCIP, RPP, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507. Additional detailed information respecting this proposed By-law Amendments is available for Public perusal in the Community And Development Services Department, Town Hall, during regular business hours.

A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public on **December 2, 2011**. The information report will be available on the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application. After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-In-Committee meeting.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie Council to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you do not attend the public meeting but wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law with respect to this application, you are required to make a written request to Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 19th Day of November, 2011.

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk **Richard Brady, M.A., MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services**
 Tel. (905) 871-1600 • 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 • Fax (905) 871-6411

Santa's Fantasyland



Volunteers Anne Taylor and Mary Jane Haig getting things set up at the Opti-Mist Hall on Gilmore Road for Santa's Fantasyland. It gives local kids a chance to shop for their loved ones and to check out some wonderful Christmas decorations. The event starts on Nov. 25 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It also runs on Sun. Nov. 27 and Dec. 4 from noon to 6 p.m.

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Rick Hansen Relay welcomed by local community

Kris Dubé
The Times

Twenty-five years ago, Rick Hansen rolled through Fort Erie in his quest to raise awareness about spinal cord injury.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Man in Motion Tour revisited the community and made several stops along the way, before heading off to Port Colborne.

The tour started in Newfoundland back in late August and will wrap up in

Vancouver in May.

Dalton Bird was a medal bearer from Fort Erie Elementary School, who was chosen unanimously by faculty to represent the school during the 25th anniversary of Hansen's global journey.

Bird can usually be found at the school helping kindergarten students arrive safely indoors when the bus drops them off and helping teachers get prepared for the day.

"If any students or teachers need help, I'm always honoured to help them," he said.

He is proud to be chosen

as the face of the local elementary school at the event, but didn't expect to be.

"I was very happy and surprised," said Bird. Dennis Hernandez-Galeano is the chair of the Town of Fort Erie's accessibility advisory committee, who was integral in bringing the relay to Fort Erie.

In 1997, Hernandez-Galeano suffered a spinal cord injury in a motor-vehicle accident and has been confined to a wheelchair since.

This hasn't slowed him down, as he has coached

minor soccer for a number of years locally, a sport he was highly active in before his accident.

"Just because you have a disability, it doesn't mean you can't do things," he said at the Old Fort Welcome Centre, where a community ceremony was held on Tuesday.

He was glad to see the event run so smoothly and is thankful for all the support given throughout the community.

"With all the hard work we put into this, I'm glad everything went off without a hitch," he said.

"We may be a small town, but we sure know how to put on a good shindig. We should be really proud of that."

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero is council's representative on the accessibility committee and in his comments at the ceremony, said he was honoured and privileged to be a part of it with all the different individuals who are also involved.

"It's through their efforts

we're able to make many of our parks, open spaces and facilities as well as new and current buildings in the town, accessible for everyone," said Passero.

Mayor Doug Martin recalled back to 25 years ago

when Rick Hansen first passed through Fort Erie in the first edition of the Man in Motion Relay.

-Read the whole story at www.forterietimes.com



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Crystal Beach Public School student Josh Pearson, left, with Hervé Lord on Wednesday. Lord is travelling with the Relay team across the entire country. More photos from local schools can be seen in our photo gallery at www.forterietimes.com.



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Community house



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Recently, several agencies unveiled its community house on Bowden Street that will serve as a venue for many after school programs and services to be offered. The non-profit organizations involved are the Adult Literacy Council, Fort Erie Brothers Big Sisters, the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre, Niagara Regional Housing and Bridges Community Health Centre.



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Speedway headed to OMB in January

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Canadian Motor Speedway project will be kicked back into high gear after the New Year.

On January 17, the multi-million dollar facility will be the subject of an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) pre-hearing at Town Hall.

This is the result of appeals from residents who oppose the state-of-the-art track that has NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon's signature attached to it and is proposed to cover 821 acres of land west of the Queen Elizabeth Way, between Bowen and Gilmore Roads. The proposed complex includes a one-mile oval course and a spectator grandstand that could seat up to 65,000 people, as well as a 2.6-mile road course.

Also included in the plans are a 74-acre commercial

accessory complex that would include restaurants, shopping, entertainment, museums, a water park, a fitness centre and other features.

The commercial area would include a hotel with up to 250 suites, parking and two camping areas on 327 acres of land.

A 66-acre "Innovation and Business Park," which would include a variety of motor-sports oriented businesses such as offices for track management, a control tower, race support repair shops and a research and technology facility, is also proposed.

Canadian Motor Speedway (CMS) spokesperson Azhar Mohammad says the pre-hearing will be an opportunity to further narrow down the issues raised by the appellants.

"We have been focused on the last several months on addressing all of the

opinions raised through further engineering studies and independent third party peer reviews to validate the justifications for the rezoning we achieved last year."

The OMB pre-hearing in January will decide whether or not any further proceedings are necessary. The OMB is an independent administrative tribunal responsible for hearing appeals over contentious municipal issues.

"It is eventually the board's decision on whether or not we go to a hearing but we are ready to go and our arguments are compelling," said Mohammad.

Several appellants have filed with the OMB after the municipal and regional governments amended official policy plans to create a special policy area, approving the project at both levels of government.

The pre-hearing was originally scheduled for April but was deferred until Jan. 17.

President Vant is the president of a grass-roots coalition formed to fight the speedway for a number of concerns over noise, pollution and urban sprawl across prime agricultural lands, called the Citizens Coalition of Greater Fort Erie (CCGFE).

She says the group is also looking forward to the OMB proceedings "two months away."

"We're eager to get this matter in front of the OMB."

A handful of conservation groups citing a number of environmental issues have been recruited by the CCGFE. Vant says they will also be following the proceedings closely.

"We are thankful that the review process gives us an opportunity to bring these serious health and environmental issues to the attention of the OMB and local residents," she said.

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A special thanks to Alf Beam for his fly-past on Remembrance Day. It was an awesome tribute to all our soldiers and Veterans, past and present.

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Lumber Yard - Timbe Mart
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Specialty Cakes - Somethin' Different
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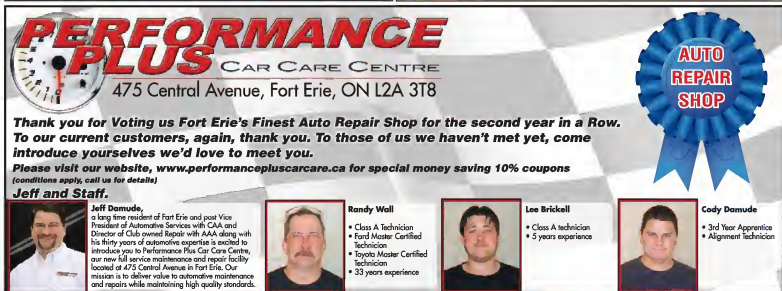
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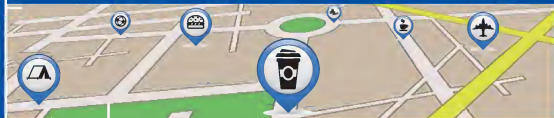
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DID YOU KNOW:

Canadians buy less online even though we spend more time surfing the web than any other nation. A recent 10-country poll for Pitney Bowes found 82% of Canadians made online purchases compared with the global average of 55%. The biggest internet shoppers live in Germany, South Korea and the U.K., according to the poll.



I do like Cyber Monday

Nothing goes better with American Thanksgiving leftovers than online deals



Boxing Day remains the number one bargain bonanza for Canadians looking to score deals on gadgets, clothes and all the stuff they failed to get for the holidays. Thanks for nothing, Aunt Gertrude.

But the dual American shopping phenomena of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, which bookend the U.S. Thanksgiving weekend, have gained traction with Canuck retailers and shoppers over the last few years.

Cyber Monday originally began as a promotion by a retailer group but has grown into its own beast, when stores offer online-only deals for click-shoppers who prefer the click of computer keys to the chaos of a mall.



Gadgets

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Cyber Monday — falling on Nov. 21 this year — allows Canadians to capitalize on deals on both sides of the border without having to leave our homes. We asked RedFlagDeals.com founder Derek Szeto for Cyber Monday shopping tips.

DO ADVANCE RECON

"If you're doing your research on Monday, you're wasting time that you could be using for shopping," Szeto says. Some stores will announce Cyber Monday deals in advance on their websites; others will alert loyal customers via e-mail newsletters. Bookmark sites you plan to hit up for bargains.

SET UP YOUR ACCOUNTS

If you don't already have a log-in for a retailer's website, set one up before Cyber Monday hits, lest you lose precious minutes when gunning for a "only 10 available beginning at 8 a.m." deal.

LOOK FOR THE .CA

When possible, hunt for deals at retailers with an established Canadian presence first, as it eliminates currency conversion and cross-border shipping headaches. Amazon.ca might not have the same breadth of selection as Amazon.com, but you know you're going to get your stuff quickly and without hassle.

SHIPPING IS EVERYTHING

U.S. retailers are slowly getting better at accommodating Canadian shoppers, with some offering detailed pre-purchase breakdowns of what buyers will pay for shipping, duty and other costs. Overstock.com is a great example.

SHIPPING IS STILL EVERYTHING

If your favourite U.S. retailer isn't Canada-friendly, be very careful with shipping options. Courier services such as UPS and FedEx can assign extortionate brokerage fees to items shipped cross-border — if the retailer's website doesn't have this information, check the courier company's own website. Regular postal mail is a cheaper option.

MAKE A DEAL

It's easy to get caught up in flashy Cyber Monday promotions on websites, but make sure that 40% off really means 40% off. "Just because retailers say it's on sale doesn't mean it is," says Szeto. Check at least one other website for a price comparison. Because nobody likes Lingering Regrets Tuesday.



Cross-border auto shopping



JOE DUARTE
Autonet

The subject of cross-border shopping naturally becomes more polarized with higher ticket items — travel, vacation homes and automobiles.

Many consumers have for years seen a blatant discrepancy in Manufacturer Suggested Retail Prices (MSRP) between dealerships in Canada and those just across the border in the United States, and have gotten out the calculator to figure out if the price justifies the trip to the dealership.

As with most things, travelling across the border to save \$1,000s looks good on paper but when you get onto the road, the scales may start to level out.

What is admissible?

First of all, although most new models are identical between the two countries (except for varying equipment levels) not all vehicles are admissible for importation (depending on age and use).

A great place to start when thinking of importing a vehicle into Canada is the Registrar of Imported Vehicles (RIV). The website www.riv.ca will walk you through the entire process from what is admissible, through the modifications you may have to make to the vehicle you're bringing into the country, to the taxes and fees you're going to have to pay (both federally and provincially).

It's not as inexpensive as you may seem at first blush. And then there are those things that RIV won't tell you about. What happens if your new vehicle needs to be repaired? What about recalls and repairs under warranty? What if you find



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Travelling across the border to save thousands looks good on paper but when you get onto the road, the scales may level out

yourself stranded by the side of the road on a dark winter's night? What about disposing of your vehicle, once it's lived its useful life?

As expected, most new car manufacturers think the value inherent in a vehicle sold in Canada outweighs the potential cost differential, most notably in after-sales experiences, such as warranty claims. Warranty coverage is based on the country of origin, so a vehicle sold in the U.S. is naturally guaranteed in the U.S., but it's not that black and white.

"We are confident that consumers will find there is re-

mendous value in purchasing a vehicle in Canada," says LouAnn Gosselin, Head of Communications at Chrysler Canada. "Warranty coverage is based upon the country of the vehicle's origin. Once a U.S. Chrysler vehicle is exported and registered outside of the United States it no longer qualifies for the manufacturer's warranty in the U.S.; furthermore, it is not eligible for warranty coverage in Canada."

In other words, as soon as you cross the border in your Chrysler purchase and register the vehicle for use in your province, you don't have a war-

ranty period.

There had been a lot of publicity generated around the touchy subject of warranties, especially in light of free trade agreements, leading some manufacturers to modify the way they handle warranty claims by owners who purchased their vehicles in the other country.

Ford Canada will honour the U.S. warranty terms and the roadside assistance (which on most vehicles lasts the terms of the basic warranty), though the customer would have to call the U.S. number when attempting to secure such assistance.

Volvo Canada also honours the basic warranties (four years or 50,000 miles in the U.S., 80,000 km in Canada), but Volvo customers can obtain extended warranties at time of purchase, and these are not honoured.

Some manufacturers, such as Mercedes-Benz Canada, have warranties on parts and components that sometimes don't exist in the other country — rust-though coverage, for example, brake components and battery life.

Mercedes-Benz Canada will honour the U.S. warranty, but only after the vehicle has been

modified to meet Canadian specifications at an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealership in Canada (a potentially expensive and lengthy process that may include the installation of day time running lights and changing instrument cluster, gear shift selector and certain comfort features), at the end of which it must be cleared by Mercedes-Benz Canada for a fee of \$500.

Porsche Cars Canada, which claims the closest margin in MSRPs between the two countries (14%, according to Laurence Yap, Director of Marketing), has a similar program to extend warranty coverage in Canada (once the vehicle is inspected and signed-off on at a Canadian dealership — a \$250 procedure).

Disposal problems

And at the end of its useful life, there may be disposal problems with a U.S.-purchased vehicle. It may not be as easy as simply trading it in on a new purchase.

"While it is ultimately the dealer's decision, there is no certainty that dealers will accept U.S. vehicles as trading," states JoAnne Coza, Director, Communications & Public Relations at Mercedes-Benz Canada. "If a dealer refuses to take a U.S. import on trade, then the U.S.-in-tax credit cannot be claimed on any subsequent purchase."

So the cost savings of purchasing a vehicle in the United States may seem immediate, but those costs start to even out by the time you get the vehicle on the road in Canada and then attempt to dispose of it.

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Single sales



It's beginning to look a shop like Christmas. Some tips for spending like three wise men.

DAHLIA KURTZ
Special to QMI Agency

America sneezes and Canada catches the cold, or in this case, the fever - Black Friday shopping fever.

The annual south-of-the-border buying frenzy, which begins the day after American Thanksgiving, also kicks off the festive season in Canadian shopping centres.

But it is possible to catch the fever without the complications of debt, panic and frustration? Here are some expert tips from David Soberman, a marketing professor at Rotman School of Management, and Kimberley Clancy, founder of FrugalShopper.ca:

1. PLAN

Create a list with a budget and stick to it. "Ask the kids to write their letters to Santa before you shop," Clancy says. Gifts can be affordable and meaningful, especially if you do your research. Comparison shop online and click through forums, like the one at FrugalShopper.ca, where others have already done the research for you.

And the thrifty shopper says not to toss any flyers just yet. "Some stores guarantee they have the lowest price. Bring the flyers to the store and they'll adjust the price. In some cases, they even give an additional discount," she says.

2. TIMING

Shop early and avoid peak hours. "You can't make yourself worse off by looking early, but you can definitely make

yourself worse off by waiting until the last minute," says Soberman.

Clancy agrees. "Early Christmas deals are usually really good, but if you find a lower price closer to Christmas, and keep your receipt, you can get the price adjusted to the lower price." Even if a sale price item is out of stock, ask for a rain-check to get it on sale later.

3. AVOID MARKETING TRICKS

It's easy to worry too much about getting the best deal. However, as Soberman sees it, "the objective shouldn't be to get the best deal - the most important thing is to avoid getting ripped off. If you pay a fair price for your purchase, you should feel very satisfied with yourself."

Look out for the "decoys," he warns. A price markdown isn't always a bargain; sometimes it's a ruse. Also, be reluctant to believe aggressive salespeople who promise the best deal ever, or pressure you with scare tactics. If they say the price may go up the next day, it's often untrue.

And circumvent an almost guaranteed money grab - extended warranties. "For many retailers, this is the number one source of profit," notes Soberman.

4. SHOP ONLINE

Sometimes there are better deals a few days after Black Friday on "Cyber Monday." But always use reputable sites. If you have to send gifts, Clancy likes free shipping options that allow you to save

extra costs and hassles - don't forget to look for gift-wrapping options at checkout.

To find the lowest prices, she uses comparison-shopping sites such as Bing.ca/shopping. And while online, search promo codes for discounts at RetailMeNot.com or similar sites, like the Frugal Shopper's domain.

(Tip: Sometimes if you "like" a company's Facebook page, you'll get a discount too.)

5. HAVE FUN

Get a shopping buddy (and keep each other in check) and reward yourself with a tasty treat, mini-massage, or a drop-in-dead red lipstick. If you have the time, take an ultimate shopping getaway south of the border, where Soberman finds deals are more than worth it.

Finally, perhaps the professor's best advice: "If you're the person who spends twice what you planned, cash is a very good way to impose control on your spending in advance. But, if you have good control, use your credit card because earning loyalty points is great."

So, merry shopping and a happy new account balance.



IN CANADA

cross-count shopping

Reap the benefits of making your purchases within Canada

ROBIN ROBINSON
QMI Agency

As a frequent traveller, I have shopped in markets, malls and duty-free stores across the world. So I can say with certainty that much of the merchandise sold globally is also available in our own backyard. And with the exception of local specialties — usually at competitive prices.

A woman I know once lugged a tagine — a heavy earthenware cooking vessel — home from Morocco, only to spot the exact item in a cookery shop near her house. The savings? Less than \$20. Worth the aggravation? Probably not.

Other advantages of shopping in your country: No worries about breakage, warranties, border hassles, paying duty or other taxes what you exceed customs allowances or being stuck with items that prove unsatisfactory and can't be easily returned.

Canada has some of the best shopping anywhere (too much to outline in one newspaper article) but three cities — Toronto and Edmonton, are interesting destinations for a shopping getaway.

So this holiday season, grab your significant other, parent, pal or sibling and try the following:

MONTREAL

While global retailing is largely dominated by international brands, Quebecers buck the trend with their European-like appreciation for artisan goods over those that are mass produced.

Old Montreal and the Old Port: Historic buildings, cobblestone lanes and quaint boutiques will set the right tone for holiday shopping while Noël Éternel, a year-round Christmas shop, will put you in a festive mood.

Foodies will like bistrot-cafes/fine food emporiums such as Marché du Vieux and Canadian Maple Delights for locally made organic maple syrup. Quebec foie

gras and tapenades. For artisan boutiques and artists' studios, head to Saint-Paul Street or Marché Bonsecours, a beautiful heritage building that showcases work by Quebec artists.

■ Downtown (shopping centres, Saint-Catherine Street West and the Underground Pedestrian Network): Head to the city's commercial heart for designer boutiques such as MOBSI (a Montreal brand known for its leather goods that is expanded into other cities), mainstream department stores and above- and below-ground shopping centres (the Eaton Centre, Place Montreal Trust, Les Cours Mont-Royal, Complexe Les Ailes, Promenade Cathédrale

and Place Ville Marie, where the city's 33-km of subterranean connecting passageways began in 1962. **■ Mont-Royal:** Around Laurier Avenue West/Bernard Street, look for beautiful home furnishings, imported and Quebec fashions, children's wear, gourmet shops, and Boutique Royer, where 100 local artists sell their original glass, jewelry, wood and ceramic creations. Tony Mont-Royal Avenue is the place to go for one of a kind designer boutiques.



JANE STEVENSON (QMI Agency)
Montreal is for shoppers and foodies alike, from locally designed fashion to fine artisan foods.

TORONTO

Ontario's city of neighbourhoods is also a city of shopping neighbourhoods. Here are a few:

■ Downtown, Yonge Street and the Eaton Centre: With more than 600 retailers, this is the city's prime destination for brand names, boutiques and bargains at major fashion, accessory, jewelry and electronic chains and department stores such as The Bay, Sears and Canadian Tire.

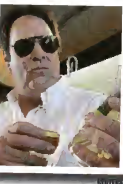
■ Once known as the "mink mile," Bloor-Yorkville is the place to "go for the Gucci," plus the Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Hermes, Tiffany and more. Upscale Canadian retailers (Holt Renfrew, Harry Rosen, Stollery's and Williams Ashby China) can be found here too.

■ While the big boys like Chapters and Starbucks moved into this eclectic neighbourhood a while ago, Queen West is still home to funky street-level shopping at creatively named one-off boutiques and chains with a youthful vibe such as Gik Kik, Decibel, Fashion Crimes, John

Fluorog Shoes, Hells Bells, Lavish & Squalor, Peach Berserk, Pull, and So Hip It Hurts. To name a few, and Toronto West originals like the Silver Skate Store, Mac's and Black Market Vintage Clothes.

■ Plan a side-trip along the Niagara Wine Route to stock up on wine for your holiday celebrations and as gifts for friends and family. The area is home to more than 70 wineries, including boutique, organic and celebrity run establishments (Wayne Gretzky Estates, Dan Aykroyd Winery, Mike Weir Winery), where you can sample and buy Ontario's best vintages.

Good bets: Coyote's Run Estate Winery, Flat Rock Cellars, Featherstone Estate Winery, Fielding Estate Winery, Good Earth Winery, Hillierland Winery, Konzelmann Estate Winery, Peller Estates, Pillitteri Estates and Vineland Estates. Take a small detour to



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While shopping in Toronto, it's also worthwhile to plan a trip to Niagara, home to more than 70 wineries and an outlet mall.

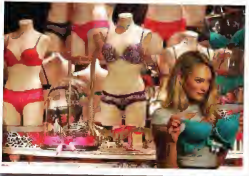
Niagara Falls for discount shopping at Canada One Factory Outlets, where you will find stores such as Nike, Coach, Surplus, Diesel, Roots and Tommy Hilfinger, and swing by Niagara-on-the-Lake to browse in the boutiques, antique shops and fine food shops housed in old-timer buildings.

EDMONTON

This is big sky (and big mall) country. The biggest of these (and the biggest in the world) is West Edmonton Mall. It's a destination in its own right. And with more than 800 stores, 100 restaurants, attractions such as amusement and water parks, mini golf courses, an NHL-size skating rink, a casino and more, you can't "do WEM in a day. Heck, you might not be able to do it in a week, which may explain why there are two hotels (the Fantasyland Hotel and the West Edmonton Mall Inn).

Where to start? Soak up the ambience of Europa Boulevard, home to toy designer boutiques such as Barbary, Versace, Prada, Hugo Boss, Ted Baker, Michael Kors, and popular brands like Ed Hardy, Diesel, True Religion, Lacoste and more. New at WEM is 7 for All Mankind, the California jeans brand popular with celebrities, and Amsterdam-based fashion brand Scotch & Soda.

Edmonton has other places to



DAVID BROWN (QMI Agency)

West Edmonton Mall boasts more than 800 stores, including American retailers such as Victoria Secret.

shop too, including:

■ The still growing 100-store South Edmonton Common, which calls itself North America's largest open air shopping centre.

■ Whyte Avenue in the city's Old Strathcona neighbourhood. A protected historical area, this is the place to place for one-off boutiques and locally-made

crafts.

■ Downtown, where shoppers will find 450 shops and department stores lined by 13-km of climate controlled pedways (an idea whose time has definitely come in Canada). These include the Edmonton City Centre, Commerce Place and Manulife Place.



Angela Qin, left, Steven Cooke and Larissa Freer-Tomkiewicz were the winners of a colouring contest held during the Ridgeway BIA's recent fall fair. Prizes were donated by local businesses in Ridgeway.



Last Saturday, Vivianne Cooney, left, thanked customer Kathy Trifunski for voting her storefront at the Downtown Dollar Store in Ridgeway to be the most attractive, through another contest that was part of the Fall Fair. They are joined by store employee Isabel Przybyz, who played a large role in the decorating.

Getting into Christmas Spirit

The community of Ridgeway will be getting into the Christmas Spirit on Dec. 2 and 3, like it does every year.

The Spirit of Christmas event will take over Ridge Road, hosted by the Ridgeway BIA.

There is plenty to do this year, like seeing a local business attempt to beat the record of the world's largest chocolate bar. The goal is 240 feet.

A gift basket worth \$500 is available to be won by a lucky guest, there will be choir performances, horse and carriage rides, an appearance from Santa Claus and much more.

The two day event kicks off at 4 p.m. on Dec. 2, with choir presentations from local schools, in front of Pacific Productions on Ridge Road.



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Bouquet

To the Canada Border Services Agency employees who were very helpful when I had car troubles on the Peace Bridge, coincidentally at the same time as rowdy football fans were heading I back over the Peace Bridge after a Buffalo Bills game. You provided me with a lot of help and were very patient and understanding in the process. Thanks so much.

Bouquet

To all the traffic flagging men and women out there protecting the workers at construction sites, keep up the good work. These people work long hours standing there in sometimes bad weather, lets all keep them in mind when travelling through construction sites and slow down.

Bouquet

To the kind lady who gave me a dime at a local food market when I ran event.

short. Towards the end of the month, for people like me on a fixed income, things get really tight. I could not believe that I was a mere ten cents short and could not even find a dime in the bottom of my purse. Luckily, I know the kind lady who offered me the money and I will pay her back. I would like to encourage everyone to "pay it forward" when such a kindness comes their way. I plan to contribute something to the local food bank for my part.

Brick

To the lack of information provided on the route of the Rick Hansen Relay. It was a great event and if it was more publicized, there would have been even more supportive spectators cheering on the cause. All that aside, congratulations to the Town of Fort Erie for offering a wonderful food market when I ran event.


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Meteors down Blades, get big OT win in Kitchener

In Junior B Action of the Ontario Hockey Association, the Fort Erie Meteors played against the Buffalo Blades and won 3-1 last Saturday on home ice. The team went on to face the Welland Canadians the following day and were shut out in a 6-0 loss at the Welland Main Rink. On Tuesday night, the Meteors faced the Kitchener Dutchmen on the road and won 4-3 in overtime.

Leading in points this season is Nick Passero, with 29 points. He has scored nine goals and collected 20 assists. Following Passero, is Jordan Bailey, who has scored eight goals and earned 11 assists for a total of 19 points this season. Jesse Parker and Andrew Ansell are tied with 18 points so far this season. Parker has scored eight goals and earned 10 assists while Ansell has scored six goals this season and has helped with 12 assists. The Meteors face off against the Elmira Sugar Kings tonight at the Fort Erie Leisureplex at 7:15 p.m.



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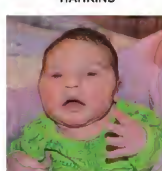
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BELCHER, Edward M. - Died peacefully at Bethel Hospital in Inglewood, Ontario, on Friday, November 11, 2011. Edward M. Belcher, after a two-year battle with colon cancer. Lovingly missed by his sons Ron and Lillian Belcher, Bob and Peggy Belcher, grandchildren Rob and Rachel, Chad and Elaine, Kate and Ken, Jamie and Tiffany, great-grandchildren Geoffrey, Hayden, Elsie, Bethany, Curtis, and Emily. He was widowed from Laura and predeceased by his first wife Greta and survived by long-time friend Hilda. He was a Royal Air Force veteran serving as a Viceless, Signalling and Morse Code Instructor in England, and at the Commonwealth Air Training Command in Debert, Nova Scotia during World War II. After the war he had a successful career in the Royal Canadian Air Force earning an Officer's Commission from the ranks. A memorial service for close friends and family was held on Wednesday, November 16 at EGAN FUNERAL HOME, Bolton, Ontario (905-857-2213). In Ed's memory, donations may be made to Caledon Community Services (CCS), 18 King Street East, Upper Level, Bolton, Ontario L7E 1E8 (www.ccsuk.org) or Bethel Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 75, Station Main, Inglewood, Ontario L7C 9Z9. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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BIRD, Kenneth George - Peacefully passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, with his family by his side, on November 10, 2011 at the age of 83. Loving husband of 57 years to Sylvia. Dear father to Janet (Jannie), Cheshelagh, grandfather to Ryan, Jaxxon, Rebecca and Erin. Great-grandpa to Lily. Ken moved to Canada in 1957 from London, England, he was a retired member from the Plumber and Pipe Fitters Union, local 67. Ken was the owner of K.B. Gas Installations. As per Ken's wishes, cremation has already taken place. A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 104 Fidelity Crescent, Hamilton, from 1 - 5 p.m. Special thank you to the wonderful nurses and caregivers at the Millennium Trail Manor (Mortrose) and the nurses at QHGH, in memory of Ken, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated by his family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** 905-894-0120.

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BIRLEY, Richard B. (Dick) - Peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Sunday November 13, 2011 at the age of 77. Beloved husband of Irene Birley (Byers) of Fort Erie. Loving Father of Rich Birley (Nikki) and daughter, Lesa. Karen and Shawn Knutt. Cheshelagh Pappa to Nicky and Devin Knutt. Sadly missed by brother Al (Mary Lou), brother in law Bob (Mory) Byers. Predeceased by his sister Jackie Sobol and parents Charles and Mildred Birley. He will be sadly missed by all his family, and many friends whose lives he touched. At Dick's request cremation has taken place and there will be a celebration of Dick's life held on Sunday November 27th 1-4pm at the Fort Erie Golf Club in the banquet hall, entrance located off Sunset Drive. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** 905-894-0120.

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ROL, Frederic (Fred) Cornelius - Early Sunday November 13, 2011, at Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie, Fred passed away at the age of 78 with family at his side. He is survived by his daughter Kathryn Jane (Janet), Beloved husband of the late Edna Dorothy (Gould), and brother of Conrad. He is predeceased by his brothers Peter and Jerry. Fred will be missed by his many nieces and nephews and extended family members; including those in B.C. and the Netherlands that he discovered as an adult. He will also be missed by his close companion Leanne Thomson and her family. An avid historian and former naval air reserve (VRC62) observer male. Fred was actively involved in efforts to preserve Canada's naval air heritage through research and projects; including work on the restoration of Fairy Swordfish HSG-6. The aircraft is currently housed at the Shearwater Aviation Museum. Fred will be remembered fondly by his friends and family. As per Fred's wishes, there will not be a formal service. Donations may be made to the Shearwater Aviation Museum Foundation or the charity of donor's choice. On-line condolences available at <http://www.bennetfuneralservices.com>

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May he find in God's garden at rest.*
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WRIGHT, Robert L. age 84, of Naperville, IL, passed away Friday, November 11, 2011 at Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago, IL. Born April 5, 1927 in Kyness, Quebec. Beloved husband of 57 years to the late Lillian Wright, nee Nadawo. Loving father of Andrea Wright-Walker, David (Nichole) Wright and Greg Wright. Dear grandfather of Robert, Catherine and Michael Wright. Visitation: Friday, November 18th 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. at **FRIEDRICH-JONES FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. Family and friends will gather Saturday, November 19th 9:30-9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and proceed to a 10 a.m. funeral service at St. John's Episcopal Church, 750 Aurora Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. Interment to private. For more information please contact, 630-955-0213 or www.friedrichjones.com

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DILTS

The family of Wm. Terry Dilts would like to thank our extended family, friends, our Church, D.M.H. and community "family" for the precious support given throughout Terry's illness and passing. The cards, calls, help and hugs were appreciated and will be remembered. Thanks for being there. God Bless you Norma Dilts and family.

POTTER

The family of James (Jim) Potter would like to thank everyone for their kind words and prayers, for all the meals provided, for all the donations to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital. We can't thank everyone enough. It meant so much to us. Lorraine, daughters Laura, Diane, Paity and Paula and their families.

*Although we smile and make no fuss
No one misses him more than us.
And when old times we oft repeat
It's then we miss you most of all.*

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Lord, please pick a bunch for us.
Place them in my Mother's arms.
And tell her they're from us.
Tell her we love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Please a kiss upon her cheek.
And hold her for awhile
Because remembering her is easy,
We do it every day.
But there's so ache within our hearts,
That will never go away.

Forever in our hearts,
Kim (Grandi), Vanessa and Ashley

In memoriam



In memory of Darlene Beam

My Only Friend,
The love of my life,
Mother of our children,
Most awesome gift from God.
I miss you, God Bless.
Praise the Lord,
Yours eternally, Allen Beam



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In memoriam



Katie Benner

September 2, 1981 - November 17, 1999

With each day that passes, we miss you
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on the faces of your nieces everyday.

Love you forever,
Mommy, Doug,
Michael, Jessica,
Katie and Stella
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Ronald Pollard

July 14, 1925

November 22, 2009

We still see his smile,
We have his photo.
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That he didn't know.
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Toronto Gold, Silver and Diamond Buyers paying on the spot for valuables this week in Fort Erie!

By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

Fort Erie-area residents are in for a rare treat when the Toronto Gold, Silver and Diamond Buyers (TGSDB) host an event here **November 19th - 22nd at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre**. The company has identified this region as prime territory for purchasing valuable diamonds and precious metals—especially gold and silver. The TGSDB estimates that local residents have millions of dollars worth of valuables that they no longer need or want. That is where the TGSDB comes in—they specialize in buying those items from local sellers throughout Canada.

Items like gold coins, sterling silver, tea sets and old or broken engagement rings are in high demand and are being purchased in massive quantities. Another great way to see your profits add up quickly is through selling scrap gold. This can include mismatched earrings, class rings, herringbone necklaces, etc.—anything that contains gold can dramatically raise the amount of cash you walk away with.

Currently on a national tour, TGSDB has included Fort Erie on its list of stops for a limited engagement. Residents are urged to mark their calendar for this special opportunity to meet one-on-one with gold, silver and diamond specialists.

Because of TGSDB's low overhead, extensive resources and massive volume, the company is often able to pay out more than other dealers and retailers. Many customers are surprised at how much they are offered for seemingly small amounts. "I had two bent herringbone necklaces, a class ring, and some outdated earrings that I brought to a show. I walked out with \$425 in less than 15 minutes," said a satisfied guest.

Providing an economic boost to each region it visits, the TGSDB projects to pay out \$300,000 of each event—a testament to the high volume of items they purchase and the prime prices being paid. Offers are made based on rarity, collectability, condition and market value.

Company spokesman Matthew Enright says, "We just paid \$4,700 for a loose 1.25 carat diamond. Our mission is to pay local residents on the spot for sterling silverware, loose diamonds, fine jewellery, coins and precious metals—especially silver and gold." The company has seen a huge influx of gold lately. "Customers have been scrambling to cash into the record-high value of gold," adds Enright. For those who are unsure if their item is genuine gold or silver, or simply costume, the company will test it for free. "The best strategy is to bring all items to the show for a free evaluation by our specialists." It always amazes me how a small handful of gold and silver can turn into hundreds of dollars in just a few moments. We test and weigh items right on the spot," Enright says.

At a recent show, a small-town dentist had a nice pay day. "I have been collecting dental gold for years from patients who didn't want their extracted teeth. It really added up—my check is for over \$31,000!" While most people don't have buckets of dental gold at their fingertips, they do have \$750 worth of scrap gold scattered throughout their homes, according to industry specialists.

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In addition to scrap gold, fine jewellery and diamonds, coins are always a big hit. Offers will be made on most coins dated 1967 and earlier—gold coins, silver dollars, half dollars, quarters, nickels and dimes. Enright explains, "Canadian coins made before 1967 are worth more than their legal tender amount because they can contain up to 92.5% silver. Rare dates and mint marks can make them even more valuable. We recently paid \$78,000 for an amazing coin collection. One couple brought in a rusty coffee can filled with silver coins, sawdust, and a dead spider. The can had been in the basement for years. We were happy to send them home with a check for more than \$700!"

Fort Erie-area residents should start collecting their valuables now to bring to the free event, which runs this **Saturday - Tuesday**. Offers will be made and cash will be paid on the spot. Attendance is expected to be high, but no appointment is needed. Enright encourages everyone to take advantage of this special opportunity to meet directly with specialists at the Toronto Gold, Silver and Diamond Buyers. He concludes, "It's a great chance for people to cash in their old diamonds, jewellery, coins and scrap gold. This is a seller's market. We're only here till **Tuesday**, so don't miss out!"

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